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1. WITH CAPTURE OF TOBRUK MORNING SEPT FOUR, RCC APPEARS TO HAVE GAINED EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER ENTIRE COUNTRY. RESISTANCE WHICH YESTERDAY SEEMED BE REAL POSSIBILITY APPARENTLY EVAPORATED. [redacted] S/E B

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[redacted] WHO WAS AT RCC HEADQUARTERS NEGOTIATING RELEASE STRANDED LUFTHANSA 707 REPORTS THAT SEVERAL RCC MEMBERS MADE NO ATTEMPT CONCEIT THEIR RELIEF AND SATISFACTION UPON HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT THAT BRITISH GOVT HAD REFUSED REQUEST OF KING FOR MILITARY INTERVENTION. GERMAN EMBOFF HAD IMPRESSION YOUNG ARMY OFFICERS HAD CONSIDERED BRITISH ACTION TO BE VERY REAL POSSIBILITY.

2. RCC CONTINUED DEVOTE MAJOR PART OF ITS TIME TO RESTORATION NORMAL ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT COUNTRY. ORDERED MEDICAL PERSONNEL TO RETURN TO HOSPITALS, JOURNALISTS TO PREPARE TO PUBLISH THEIR NEWSPAPERS BEGINNING TOMORROW, TRIPOLI CIVIL AIRPORT TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS TO MAN TOWER, AND CERTAIN MERCHANTS TO ARRANGE RESUMPTION DISTRIBUTION FOODSTUFFS. (TWO EMBASSY LOCAL EMPLOYEES REPORTED FOOD SITUATION IN CITY BECOMING CRITICAL). ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC POLICE APPEARED ON STREETS, AND GARBAGE COLLECTORS MADE THEIR ROUNDS FOR FIRST TIME SINCE COUP. THREE SHIPS WERE PERMITTED TO ENTER TRIPOLI HARBOUR (BUT TO WORK OUT ARRANGEMENTS TO RESUPPLY ROUGHLY TEN SHIPS STILL ANCHORED OUTSIDE HARBOR ENTRANCE. SHELL TANKER IN TRIPOLI PORT COMPLETED UNLOADING AND PREPARED DEPART THIS EVENING.

3. REGIME ARRANGED FOR RESTORATION TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS FOR DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. (TRUNKLINES TO OUR SWITCHBOARD ARE NOW BACK IN SERVICE.). COMMERCIAL CABLE FACILITIES WERE OPENED TO OIL COMPANIES FOR CLEAR TEXT ENGLISH MESSAGES. DIPLOMATICS WERE PROMISED CODED CABLE FACILITIES BEGINNING TOMORROW.

4. CURFEW WAS LIFTED FOR FIVE HOURS (ONE HOUR MORE THAN YESTERDAY). CARLOADS OF ENTHUSIASTIC YOUNG MEN CONTINUED DRIVE UP AND DOWN STREETS OF CITY. BANNER CARRYINGDEMONSTRATORS LOOKING INCREASINGLY LESS SPONTANEOUS AGAIN PARADED THROUGH STREETS OF DOWNTOWN TRIPOLI SHOUTING SLOGANS. STILL NO SIGNS IDENTIFYING REVOLUTION WITH NASSER, UAR OR OTHER RADICAL STATES.

5. TECHNICAL LEVEL CIVILIAN BUREAUCRATS BEGAN DESPATCHING TELEGRAMS OF SUPPORT TO RCC YESTERDAY. SENIOR UNDER-SECRETARY MIN OF EDUCATION AND DIRECTOR GEN SOCIAL INSURANCEAND HEALTH ORGANIZATION HEADED LONG LIST OF UNDERSECRETARIES AND DIRECTORS GENERAL PLEDGING THEIR SUPPORT OF RCC. READING OF SUPPORT WIRES OVER RADIO FROM INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS CONTINUED THROUGHOUT DAY.

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6. OLD REGIME PERSONALITIES: FORMER MINISTERS, INCLUDING SALHIIN (INFORMATION), B'AYYU (EDUCATIONS), AND ATTIGAH (ECONOMY AND TRADE) WERE REPORTEDLY PICKED UP FROM THEIR HOMES LAST NIGHT AND TAKEN OFF TO DETENTION BARRACKS. PURPOSE ARRESTS NOT CLEAR: IT IS THOUGHT SOME WERE PICKED UP TO PREVENT OPPOSITION ACTIVITY, BUT THAT OTHERS MAY HAVE BEEN BROUGHT IN BY RCC IN ATTEMPT TO ENLIST THEIR SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE. GP-4.
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